



## Story Behind the Curve

This measure looks at the adequacy of well-child care for infants. It measures the percentage of children who had between one and six or more well-child visits by the time they turned 15 months of age.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends six well-child visits in the first year of life. These visits are of particular importance during the first year of life when an infant undergoes substantial changes in abilities, physical growth, motor skills, hand-eye coordination and social and emotional growth. Regular check-ups are one of the best ways to detect problems. They also provide an opportunity for the clinician to offer guidance and counseling to parents.

**The rate reported here is the 6 or more visit rate, which is the recommended standard of care.**